

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to the significant role of ADAM 12, ADAM 12-L, and ADAM 12-S in preeclampsia and related disorders. The invention further relates to the use of said genes and gene products, ligands binding to those, and modulators of activity of the gene products in diagnosis and treatment of preeclampsia and related syndromes. The invention also relates to the use of further genes and combinations thereof in diagnosis of preeclampsia and related syndromes.